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Founded in 1963, Labaton Sucharow LLP (“Labaton Sucharow”) is an internationally respected law firm based in New York City and has relationships throughout Europe. The Firm consists of more than 60 attorneys and a professional support staff that includes certified public accountants, licensed private investigators, resident securities analysts and 10 paralegals. The Firm prosecutes major complex litigation in the United States, and has successfully conducted a wide array of representative actions (principally class, mass and derivative) in the areas of securities, antitrust, merger/acquisition, limited partnership, ERISA, product liability, and consumer litigation. Labaton Sucharow’s Investor Protection Litigation Group offers comprehensive services for our institutional investor clients and has recovered, through trial and settlement, more than $3 billion for the benefit of investors who have been victimized by such diverse schemes as stock price manipulation, mismanagement, and fraudulent offerings of securities. Through its efforts, the litigation group has also obtained meaningful corporate governance reforms to minimize the likelihood of repetitive wrongful conduct. Visit our website at **www.labaton.com** for more information about our dynamic firm.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Labaton Sucharow is committed to corporate governance reform. The Firm is a patron of the John L. Weinberg Center for Corporate Governance of the University of Delaware ("The Center"). The Center provides a forum for business leaders, directors of corporate boards, the legal community, academics, practitioners, graduate and undergraduate students, and others interested in corporate governance issues to meet and exchange ideas. One of Labaton Sucharow's senior partners, Edward Labaton, is a member of the Advisory Committee of The Center. Additionally, Mr. Labaton has for more than 10 years served as a member of the Program Planning Committee for the annual ALI-ABA Corporate Governance Institute, and serves on the Task Force on the Role of Lawyers in Corporate Governance of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

On behalf of its institutional and individual investor clients, Labaton Sucharow has achieved some of the largest precedent-setting settlements since the enactment of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 ("PSLRA"), and has helped avert future instances of securities fraud by negotiating substantial corporate governance reforms as conditions of many of its largest settlements.

Because of the depth of their experience and deep commitment to the principles of corporate governance, many Labaton Sucharow partners have served as featured speakers on topics relating to corporate governance and reform at various symposia and lectures.

As a result of Labaton Sucharow's extensive experience and commitment to corporate governance reform, the Firm's clients have secured meaningful reforms, in addition to substantial monetary recoveries, in significant settlements such as:

- ***In re Waste Management, Inc. Securities Litigation***, Civ. No. H-99-2183 (S.D. Tex.): Labaton Sucharow, acting as Lead Counsel for the State of Connecticut Retirement Plans & Trust Funds, caused the Company to present a binding resolution to declassify its board of directors, which was approved by its shareholders. As a consequence of Labaton Sucharow's efforts, the Company further agreed to amend its Audit Committee charter, which led to its enhanced effectiveness.
- ***In re Vesta Insurance Group Securities Litigation***, Civ. No. CV-98-W-1407-S (N.D. Ala.): Labaton Sucharow, acting as Lead Counsel for the Florida State Board of Administration, caused the Company to adopt provisions requiring that: (i) a majority of its Board members be independent; (ii) at least one independent director be experienced in corporate governance; (iii) the audit, nominating and compensation committees be comprised entirely of independent directors; and (iv) the audit committee comply with the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Panel on the effectiveness of audit committees.
- ***In re Orbital Sciences Corporation Securities Litigation***, Civ. No. 99-197-A (E.D. Va.): Labaton Sucharow, acting as Lead Counsel for the New York City Pension Funds, negotiated the implementation of measures concerning the Company's quarterly review of its financial results, the composition, role and responsibilities of its Audit and Finance committee, and the adoption of a Board resolution providing guidelines regarding senior executives' exercise and sale of vested stock options.

- ***In re Bristol-Myers Squibb Securities Litigation***, Civ. No. 00-1990 (D.N.J.): Labaton Sucharow, acting as Lead Counsel for the LongView Collective Investment Fund of the Amalgamated Bank, negotiated noteworthy corporate governance reforms. Bristol-Myers Squibb ("BMS") has agreed to publicly disclose the following information concerning all of its drugs marketed for at least one indication: a description of the clinical study design and methodology; results of the clinical trials; and safety results, including the reporting of adverse events seen during the clinical trials. The disclosures will be posted on BMS's website, *www.BMS.com*, as well as an industry website, *www.clinicalstudyresults.org*. BMS has agreed to post these disclosures for a 10-year period following approval of the settlement, and has further agreed that any modifications to the disclosure protocol must be approved by the Court, at the request of Labaton Sucharow as Lead Counsel, unless the modifications increase the scope of the disclosures. The corporate reform measures obtained in this case exceed the scope of reforms obtained by New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer in his settlement of an action against GlaxoSmithKline ("GSK") arising from the sale of Paxil, an antidepressant. The Paxil settlement is limited to drugs sold in the United States, whereas as a result of the BMS settlement, the company must post the clinical trial results of drugs marketed in any country throughout the world.
- ***The Boeing Company,*** Civ. No. 03 CH 15039 and Civ. No. 03 CH 16301 (Cook Co., Ill, Ch. Div.): In 2006, Labaton Sucharow, acting as Lead Counsel for Plaintiffs in a derivative class action against the directors of The Boeing Company ("Boeing"), achieved a landmark settlement establishing unique and far-reaching

corporate governance standards relating to ethics compliance, provisions that obligated Boeing to contribute significant funds over and above base compliance spending to implement the various prescribed initiatives. The terms were well-designed to provide for early detection and prevention of corporate misconduct. They were comprehensive and integrated, enhancing effectiveness by providing for top-down oversight, direction and planning; and buttressed by extensive and coordinated bottom-up and horizontal reporting. They were also designed to enhance Board independence and effectiveness and, by creating a direct reporting role to the Board, the independence of the management level oversight functions.

NOTABLE LEAD COUNSEL APPOINTMENTS

Labaton Sucharow's institutional and individual investor clients are regularly appointed by federal courts to serve as lead plaintiffs in prominent securities litigations brought under the PSLRA. Since January 2003, dozens of state, city and county public pension funds and union funds have selected Labaton Sucharow to represent them in federal securities class actions and advise them as securities litigation/investigation counsel. Listed below are a few of our current notable Lead Counsel appointments.

IN RE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP, INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION,
No. 04 Civ. 8141 (JES) (S.D.N.Y.)
Representing the State of Ohio as Lead Plaintiff.

IN RE ST. PAUL TRAVELERS SECURITIES LITIGATION II,
Civ. No. 04-CV-4697 (JRT/FLN) (D. Minn.)
Representing the Educational Retirement Board of New Mexico as Lead Plaintiff.

IN RE HEALTHSOUTH CORPORATION SECURITIES LITIGATION,
Consolidated Case No. CV-03-BE-1501-S (N.D. Ala.)

Representing New Mexico State Investment Counsel,
the Educational Retirement Board of New Mexico,
and the State of Michigan Retirement System
as Co-Lead Plaintiffs.

IN RE AMGEN INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION
NO. CV 07-2356 PSG (C.D. CAL.)

Representing Connecticut Retirement Plans and Trust Funds

TRIAL EXPERIENCE

Few securities class action cases go to trial. But when it is in the best interests of its clients and the class, Labaton Sucharow repeatedly has demonstrated its willingness and ability to try these complex securities cases before a jury.

Labaton Sucharow's recognized willingness and ability to bring cases to trial significantly increases the ultimate settlement value for shareholders. For example, in *In re Real Estate Associates Limited Partnership Litigation*, when defendants were unwilling to settle for an amount Labaton Sucharow and its clients viewed as fair, we tried the case with co-counsel for six weeks and obtained a landmark $184 million jury verdict in November 2002. The jury supported plaintiffs' position that defendants knowingly violated the federal securities laws, and that the general partner had breached his fiduciary duties to plaintiffs. The $184 million award was one of the largest jury verdicts returned in any PSLRA action and one in which the plaintiff class, consisting of 18,000 investors, recovered 100% of their damages.

NOTABLE SUCCESSES

Labaton Sucharow has achieved notable successes in major securities litigations on behalf of its clients and certified investor classes.

- Labaton Sucharow served as Lead Counsel to the Connecticut Retirement Plans and Trust Funds in ***In re Waste Management, Inc. Securities Litigation***, Civ. No. H-99-2183 (S.D. Tex.). In 2002, Judge Melinda Harmon approved an extraordinary settlement that provided for recovery of $457 million in cash, plus an array of far-reaching corporate governance measures. At that time, this settlement was the largest common fund settlement of a securities action achieved in any court within the Fifth Circuit and the third-largest achieved in any federal court in the nation. Judge Harmon noted, among other things, that Labaton Sucharow "obtained an outstanding result by virtue of the quality of the work and vigorous representation of the Class."
- Labaton Sucharow served as Lead Counsel representing the class and Lead Plaintiff, the LongView Collective Investment Fund of the Amalgamated Bank, in ***In re Bristol-Myers Squibb Securities Litigation***, Civ. No. 00-1990 (D.N.J.). After prosecuting securities fraud claims against BMS for more than five years, Labaton Sucharow reached an agreement to settle the claims for $185 million and significant corporate governance reforms. This settlement is the second largest recovery against a pharmaceutical company, and it is the largest recovery ever obtained against a pharmaceutical company in a securities fraud case involving the development of a new drug. Moreover, the settlement is the largest ever obtained against a pharmaceutical company in a securities fraud case that did not involve a restatement of financial results.
- Labaton Sucharow represented the Florida State Board of Administration as Lead Plaintiff in ***In re Vesta Insurance Group, Inc. Securities Litigation***, Civ.

No. CV-98-AR-1407 (N.D. Ala.). After years of protracted litigation, Labaton Sucharow secured a settlement of $78 million on the eve of trial.

- In ***Abrams v. VanKampen Funds, Inc.***, 01 C 7538 (N.D. Ill.), in January 2006 Labaton Sucharow obtained final approval of a $31.5 million settlement in an innovative class action concerning VanKampen's senior loan mutual fund, alleging that the fund overpriced certain senior loan interests where market quotations were readily available. The gross settlement fund constitutes a recovery of about 70% of the class's damages as determined by plaintiffs' counsel.
- Labaton Sucharow represented the named New York City pension funds as Lead Plaintiff in ***In re Orbital Sciences Corp. Securities Litigation***, Civ. No. 99-197-A (E.D. Va.). After cross-motions for summary judgment were fully briefed, defendants (and Orbital's auditor in a related proceeding) agreed to a $23.5 million cash settlement, warrants, and substantial corporate governance measures.
- In ***In re CapRock Communications Corp. Securities Litigation***, Civ. No. 3-00-CV-1613-R (N.D. Tex.), Labaton Sucharow represented a prominent Louisiana-based investment adviser in claims alleging violations of the federal securities laws. The case settled for $11 million in 2003.
- In the well-known ***In re Prudential Securities Inc. Limited Partnership Litigation***, Civ. No. M-21-67 (S.D.N.Y.), the late Judge Milton Pollack cited the "Herculean" efforts of Labaton Sucharow and its Co-Lead Counsel and, in approving a $110 million partial settlement, stated that "this case represents a

unique recovery – a recovery that does honor to every one of the lawyers on your side of the case."

- In ***In re PaineWebber Limited Partnerships Litigation***, Master File No. 94 Civ. 832/7 (SHS) (S.D.N.Y.), Judge Sidney H. Stein approved a settlement valued at $200 million and found "that Class Counsel's representation of the Class has been of high caliber in conferences, in oral arguments and in work product."

- In ***Rosengarten v. International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.***, Civ. No. 76-1249 (N.D.N.Y.), Judge Morris Lasker noted that the Firm "served the corporation and its stockholders with professional competence as well as admirable intelligence, imagination and tenacity."

- In ***In re Prudential-Bache Energy Income Partnerships Securities Litigation***, MDL No. 888, an action in which Labaton Sucharow served on the Executive Committee of Plaintiffs' Counsel, Judge Marcel Livaudais, Jr., of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, observed that:

  > Counsel were all experienced, possessed high professional reputations and were known for their abilities. Their cooperative effort in efficiently bringing this litigation to a successful conclusion is the best indicator of their experience and ability . . . .
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  > The Executive Committee is comprised of law firms with national reputations in the prosecution of securities class action and derivative litigation. The biographical summaries submitted by each member of the Executive Committee attest to the accumulated experience and record of success these firms have compiled.

- In ***New York City Employees' Retirement System v. Adelphia Communications Corp.***, Civ. No. 02-CV-3778 (E.D. Pa.), Labaton Sucharow is prosecuting two individual securities actions on behalf of certain New York City

Pension Funds and on behalf of the New Jersey Division of Investment, each against Adelphia Communications Corp., its directors, officers, underwriters and auditors. To date, the Court has issued several decisions resolving aspects of the motions to dismiss made by defendants. One of those decisions upheld the standing of the New Jersey Division to sue on behalf of the pension and retirement funds of certain New Jersey State agencies. In addition, the New York City Funds and the New Jersey Division have moved for partial summary judgment against three individual defendants, including John and Timothy Rigas, based upon those defendants' convictions in related criminal proceedings.

- In ***STI Classic Funds v. Bollinger Industries, Inc.***, No. 96-CV-0823-R (N.D. Tex.), Labaton Sucharow commenced related suits in both state and federal courts in Texas on behalf of STI Classic Funds and STI Classic Sunbelt Equity Fund, affiliates of the SunTrust Bank, the fifth-largest bank in the United States. As a result of Labaton Sucharow's efforts, the class of Bollinger Industries, Inc. investors on whose behalf the bank sued obtained the maximum recovery possible from the individual defendants and a substantial recovery from the underwriter defendants. Notwithstanding a strongly unfavorable trend in the law in the State of Texas, and strong opposition by the remaining accountant firm defendant, Labaton Sucharow has obtained class certification and continues to prosecute the case against that firm.
- In ***In re Just for Feet Noteholder Litigation***, Civ. No. CV-00-C-1404-S (N.D. Ala.), Labaton Sucharow, as Lead Counsel, represents Lead Plaintiff Delaware Management and the Aid Association for Lutherans with respect to claims

brought on behalf of noteholders. On October 21, 2005, Chief Judge Clemon of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama preliminarily approved Plaintiffs' settlement with Banc of America Securities LLC, the sole remaining defendant in the case, for $17.75 million. During the course of the litigation, Labaton Sucharow obtained certification for a class of corporate bond purchasers in a ground-breaking decision, *AAL High Yield Bond Fund v. Ruttenberg*, 229 F.R.D. 676 (N.D. Ala. 2005), which is the first decision by a federal court to explicitly hold that the market for high-yield bonds such as those at issue in the action was efficient.

- In ***In re InterMune Securities Litigation***, Master File No. 03-2454 SI (N.D. Cal. 2005), Labaton Sucharow commenced an action on behalf of its client, a substantial investor, against InterMune, a biopharmaceutical firm, and certain of its officers, alleging securities fraud in connection with InterMune's sales and marketing of a drug for off-label purposes. Notwithstanding higher pleading and proof standards in the jurisdiction in which the action had been filed, Labaton Sucharow utilized its substantial investigative resources and creative alternative theories of liability to successfully obtain an early, pre-discovery settlement of $10.4 million. The Court complimented Labaton Sucharow on its ability to obtain a substantial benefit for the Class in such an effective manner.
- In ***In re St. Paul Travelers Securities Litigation***, 04-CV-3801 (D. Minn.), Labaton Sucharow was able to successfully negotiate the creation of an all cash settlement fund to compensate investors in the amount of $67.5 million in November 2005. This settlement represents the third-largest securities class action

settlement in the Eighth Circuit and one of the top 100 largest settlements of all time.

- In ***In re El Paso Corporation Securities Litigation***, Civ. No. H-02-2717 (S.D. Tex.), Labaton Sucharow secured a $285 million class action settlement against the El Paso Corporation. The case involved a securities fraud stemming from the Company's inflated earnings statements, which cost shareholders hundreds of millions of dollars during a four-year span. The settlement was approved by the Court on March 6, 2007.
- Labaton Sucharow serves as Co-Lead Counsel in ***In re HealthSouth Securities Litigation***, Civ. No CV-03-BE-1500-S (N.D. Ala.), a case stemming from the largest fraud ever perpetrated in the healthcare industry. In early 2006, Lead Plaintiffs negotiated a settlement of $445 million with Defendant HealthSouth. This partial settlement, comprised of cash and HealthSouth securities to be distributed to the class, is one of the largest in history. Lead Plaintiffs continue their prosecution of the litigation against Richard Scrushy, Healthsouth's former CEO, Ernst & Young, and UBS, among others.
- In ***Desert Orchid Partners, L.L.C. v. Transactions Systems Architects, Inc.***, Civ. No. 02 CV 533 (D. Neb.), Labaton Sucharow represented the Genesee Employees' Retirement System as Lead Plaintiff in claims alleging violations of the federal securities laws. On March 2, 2007, the Court granted final approval to the settlement of this action for $24.5 million in cash.
- In ***In re Mercury Interactive Corp. Securities Litigation***, Civ. No. 5:05-CV-3395 (N.D. Cal.), Labaton Sucharow reached an agreement to settle for $117.5 million,

a figure representing the largest known settlement or judgment in a backdating suit as of November, 2007. The allegations in *Mercury* concern backdated option grants used to compensate employees and officers of the Company. Mercury's former CEO, CFO, and General Counsel actively participated in and benefited from the options backdating scheme, which came at the expense of Mercury shareholders and the investing public. The settlement is subject to Court approval.

Among the institutional investor clients Labaton Sucharow represents and advises are:

Academy Capital Management
Baltimore County Employees' Retirement System
Boston Retirement Board
California Public Employees' Retirement System
Connecticut Retirement Plans and Trust Funds
Diamond A. Partners, L.P.
Genesee County Employees' Retirement System
LongView Collective Investment Fund of the Amalgamated Bank
Maryland State Retirement System
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The State of Michigan Retirement System
Pirate Capital
San Francisco Employees' Retirement System
St. Denis J. Villere & Co.
Steamship Trade Association of Baltimore, Inc. –
International Longshoremen's Association Pension Fund

COMMENTS ABOUT OUR FIRM BY THE COURTS

Many federal judges have commented favorably on the Firm's expertise and results achieved in securities class action litigation. Judge John E. Sprizzo complimented the Firm's work in *In re Revlon Pension Plan Litigation*, Civ. No. 91-4996 (JES) (S.D.N.Y.). In granting final approval to the settlement, Judge Sprizzo stated that "[t]he recovery is all they could have gotten if they had been successful. I have probably never seen a better result for the class than you have gotten here."

Labaton Sucharow was a member of the Executive Committee of Plaintiffs' Counsel in *In re PaineWebber Limited Partnerships Litigation*, Master File No. 94 Civ. 8547 (SHS). In approving a class-wide settlement valued at $200 million, Judge Sidney H. Stein of the Southern District of New York stated:

> The Court, having had the opportunity to observe first hand the quality of Class Counsel's representation during this litigation, finds that Class Counsel's representation of the Class has been of high caliber in conferences, in oral arguments and in work product.

Judge Lechner, presiding over the $15 million settlement in *In re Computron Software Inc. Securities Class Action Litigation*, Civ. No. 96-1911 (AJL) (D.N.J.), where Labaton Sucharow served as Co-Lead Counsel, commented that

> I think it's a terrific effort in all of the parties involved . . . , and the co-lead firms . . . I think just did a terrific job.
>
> You [co-lead counsel and] Mr. Plasse, just did terrific work in the case, in putting it all together . . . .

PRO BONO ACTIVITIES

Our attorneys devote substantial time to *pro bono* activities. Many of our attorneys participated in the Election Protection Program sponsored in 2004 by the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law to ensure that every voter could vote and every vote would count. In addition, the Firm's attorneys devote their time to *pro bono* activities in the fields of the arts, foundations, education, and health and welfare issues.

ATTORNEYS

Among the attorneys at Labaton Sucharow who are involved in the prosecution of securities actions are partners Edward Labaton, Lawrence A. Sucharow, Mark S. Arisohn, Eric J. Belfi, Joel H. Bernstein, Thomas A. Dubbs, Louis Gottlieb, Barbara J. Hart, Russel N. Jacobson, James W. Johnson, Christopher J. Keller, Christopher J. McDonald, Jonathan M. Plasse, Hollis L. Salzman, Ira A. Schochet, Joseph V. Sternberg; of counsel attorneys Martis Alex, Jonathan Gardner, David J. Goldsmith, Anthony J. Harwood, Richard T. Joffe, Zachary M. Ratzman, and Nicole M. Zeiss; and associates Kelso Anderson, Aya Bouchedid, Javier Bleichmar, Peter W. Brueggen, Donald P. Delaney, Alan I. Ellman, Joseph A. Fonti, Ann E. Gittleman, Julie Hwang, Renu Kripalani, Craig A. Martin, Barry M. Okun, Andrei V. Rado, Serena Richardson, Michael H. Rogers, Krista Rosen, Eric S. Schachter, Michael W. Stocker, Stefanie J. Sundel, Stephen W. Tountas, and Ethan D. Wohl. A short description of the qualifications and accomplishments of each follows.

EDWARD LABATON, PARTNER *elabaton@labaton.com*

An accomplished trial lawyer and Senior Partner with the Firm, Edward Labaton has devoted his 50 years of practice to representing a full range of clients in class action and complex litigation matters in state and federal court. Mr. Labaton has played a lead role as plaintiffs' class counsel in a number of successfully prosecuted high profile cases, involving companies such as PepsiCo, Dun & Bradstreet, Financial Corporation of America, ZZZZ Best, Revlon, GAF Co., American Brands, Petro Lewis and Jim Walter, as well as several Big Eight (now Four) accounting firms. He has also argued appeals in state and federal courts, achieving results with important precedential value.

Mr. Labaton has been President of the Institute for Law and Economic Policy since its founding in 1996. The Institute co-sponsors at least one annual symposium with a major law school dealing with issues relating to the civil justice system. He is also a member of the Advisory Committee of the Weinberg Center for Corporate Governance of the University of Delaware, a Director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights under Law, a member of the American Law Institute, and a life member of the ABA Foundation. In addition, Mr. Labaton has served on the Executive Committee and has been an officer of the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund since its inception in 1996.

Mr. Labaton is the past Chairman of the Federal Courts Committee of the New York County Lawyers Association, and was a member of the Board of Directors of that organization. He is an active member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, where he was Chair of the Senior Lawyers' Committee and served on its Task Force on the Role of Lawyers in Corporate Governance. He has also served on its Federal Courts, Federal Legislation, Securities Regulation, International Human Rights and Corporation Law Committees. He also served as Chair of the Legal Referral Service Committee, a joint committee of the New York County Lawyers' Association and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. He has been an active member of the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Council and the New York State Bar Association, where he has served as a member of the House of Delegates.

For more than 30 years, he has lectured in the areas of federal civil litigation, securities litigation and corporate governance. Mr. Labaton graduated *cum laude* with a B.B.A. from Baruch College, City College of New York in 1952 and earned his LL.B. from Yale University in 1955. He is admitted to practice in New York and the United States Supreme Court.

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Lawrence A. Sucharow, a nationally recognized leader of the securities class action bar, is the Chairman of Labaton Sucharow. In this capacity, he participates in developing the litigation and settlement strategies for virtually all of the class action cases Labaton Sucharow prosecutes.

For more than three decades, Mr. Sucharow has devoted his practice to counseling clients and prosecuting cases on complex issues involving securities, antitrust, business transaction, product liability, and other class actions. Mr. Sucharow has successfully recovered more than $1 billion on behalf of institutional investors such as state, city, county and union pension funds, shareholders of public companies, bondholders, purchasers of limited partnership interests, purchasers of consumer products and individual investors.

Mr. Sucharow recently obtained $225 million in savings for the class of *In re CNL Resorts, Inc. Securities Litigation*. In other recently settled actions, Mr. Sucharow undertook a lead role in obtaining benefits for class members of $200 million (*In re Paine Webber Incorporated Limited Partnerships Litigation*); $110 million partial settlement (*In re Prudential Securities Incorporated Limited Partnerships Litigation*); $91 million (*In re Prudential Bache Energy Income Partnerships Securities Litigation*; and more than $92 million (*Shea v. New York Life Insurance Company*). In approving the *Prudential* settlement, Judge Milton Pollack referred to the efforts of plaintiffs' counsel as "Herculean," stating: "…this case represents a unique recovery – a recovery that does honor to every one of the lawyers on your side of the case."

In addition, in 2002 Mr. Sucharow served as Co-Trial Counsel in a six-week trial of a federal securities law claim on behalf of 18,000 passive investors in the Real Estate Associates limited partnerships. That trial resulted in an unprecedented $182 million jury verdict.

Mr. Sucharow is a member of the Federal Bar Council's Committee on Second Circuit Courts, and the Federal Courts Committee of the New York County Lawyers' Association. He is also a member of the Securities Law Committee of the New Jersey State Bar Association and was the founding chairman of the Class Action Committee of the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section of the New York State Bar Association from 1988-1994. He was honored by his peers by his election to serve as President of the National Association of Shareholder and Consumer Attorneys (NASCAT), a membership organization of approximately 100 law firms which practice complex civil litigation including class actions.

Mr. Sucharow earned a B.B.A., *cum laude*, from Baruch School of the City College of the City University of New York in 1971 and a J.D., *cum laude*, from Brooklyn Law School in 1975.

Mr. Sucharow is admitted to practice in New York and New Jersey and the United States Supreme Court.

MARK S. ARISOHN, PARTNER — ***marisohn@labaton.com***

Mark S. Arisohn focuses his practice on securities class action litigation. Mr. Arisohn is an integral member of the team prosecuting the *In re JDS Uniphase Securities Litigation* on behalf of the Lead Plaintiff, Connecticut Retirement Plans and Trust Funds. Mr. Arisohn is also actively involved in other securities class actions that may be headed for trial.

For the past 33 years, Mr. Arisohn specialized in complex criminal and civil litigation with an emphasis on white collar criminal matters. He has appeared in the state and federal courts nationwide, and appeared before the United States Supreme Court in the landmark insider trading case of *Chiarella v. United States*.

Mr. Arisohn brings his extensive trial experience to the prosecution of securities class actions. He has defended individuals and corporations accused of bank fraud, mail and wire fraud, securities fraud and RICO violations. He has represented public officials, individuals and companies in the construction and securities industries as well as professionals accused of regulatory offenses and professional misconduct. He also has appeared as trial counsel for both plaintiffs and defendants in civil fraud matters and corporate and business commercial matters, including shareholder litigation, breach of contract claims, and cases involving such business torts as unfair competition and misappropriation of trade secrets.

A prominent trial lawyer, Mr. Arisohn has also authored numerous articles including "Electronic Eavesdropping," *New York Criminal Practice*, LEXIS - Matthew Bender, 2005; "Criminal Evidence," *New York Criminal Practice*, Matthew Bender, 1986; and "Evidence," *New York Criminal Practice*, Matthew Bender, 1987. He was a contributing author of *Business Crime*, Matthew Bender, 1981.

Mr. Arisohn is an active member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and has served on its Judiciary Committee, the Committee on Criminal Courts, Law and Procedure, the Committee on Superior Courts and the Committee on Professional Discipline. He serves as a mediator for the Complaint Mediation Panel of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and as a hearing examiner for the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

He earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Cornell University in 1968 and 1969 and received his J.D. from Columbia University School of Law in 1972.

Mr. Arisohn is admitted to practice in New York and the District of Columbia as well as the following federal courts: the United States Supreme Court; the United States Court of

Appeals for the Second Circuit; and the United States District Courts for the Southern, Eastern and Northern Districts of New York; the Northern District of Texas; and the Northern District of California.

ERIC J. BELFI, PARTNER ***ebelfi@labaton.com***

Eric J. Belfi, a partner in the New York office of Labaton Sucharow, is an accomplished litigator in a broad range of commercial matters. He concentrates his practice in the investigation and initiation of securities and shareholder class actions, with an emphasis on the representation of major international and domestic pension funds and other institutional investors.

Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Belfi served as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of New York and an Assistant District Attorney for the County of Westchester. As a prosecutor, Mr. Belfi investigated and prosecuted numerous white-collar criminal cases, including securities law violations. In this capacity, he presented hundreds of cases to the grand jury and obtained numerous felony convictions after jury trials.

Mr. Belfi is a regular speaker and author on issues involving shareholder litigation, particularly as it relates to international institutional investors. He recently co-authored “The Proportionate Trading Model: Real Science or Junk Science?” 52 *Cleveland St. L. Rev.* 391 (2004-05) and “International Strategic Partnerships to Prosecute Securities Class Actions, Investment & Pensions Europe.” In 2005, he was a panelist at a program on U.S. class actions in Vicenzia, Italy. Mr. Belfi has given presentations on the topics of investors’ rights and U.S. class actions in Milan, Italy in May of 2006 and April of 2007, respectively.

He received a B.A. from Georgetown University in 1992 and a J.D. from St. John’s University School of Law in 1995. Mr. Belfi is an associate prosecutor for the Village of New

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With more than 30 years' experience in the area of complex litigation, Joel H. Bernstein concentrates his practice in the protection of investors who have been victimized by securities fraud and breach of fiduciary duty. His expertise in the area of shareholder litigation has resulted in the recovery of hundred of millions of dollars in damages to wronged investors.

Mr. Bernstein advises numerous large public pension funds, hedge funds, other institutional investors and individual investors with respect to securities litigation in the federal and state courts as well as in arbitration proceedings before the New York Stock Exchange, the National Association of Securities Dealers and other self-regulatory organizations.

Mr. Bernstein has played a central role in numerous high profile cases, including *In re Paine Webber Incorporated Limited Partnerships Litigation*, $200 million settlement; *In re Prudential Securities Incorporated Limited Partnerships Litigation*, $130 million settlement; *In re Prudential Bache Energy Income Partnerships Securities Litigation*, $91 million settlement; *Shea v. New York Life Insurance Company*, $92 million settlement; and, *Saunders et al. v. Gardner*, $10 million -- then the largest punitive damage award in the history of the NASD. Most recently, Mr. Bernstein was instrumental in securing a $117.5 million settlement in *In Re Mercury Interactive Securities Litigation*, which as of October 2007 was the largest settlement agreement to date in an options-backdating case.

A leading figure in his area of practice, Mr. Bernstein is frequently sought out by the press to comment on securities law and also has authored numerous articles on related issues, including "Stand Up to Your Stockbroker, Your Rights As An Investor." He is a member of the American Bar Association and the New York County Lawyers' Association.

Mr. Bernstein earned a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School in 1975 and received his undergraduate degree from Queens College in 1971.

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Thomas A. Dubbs specializes in the representation of institutional investors including pension funds in securities fraud and other types of litigation. A recognized leader in the field, Mr. Dubbs represented the first major private institutional investor to become a lead plaintiff in a class action under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act.

Mr. Dubbs currently serves as Lead Counsel in the federal securities fraud class actions brought against AIG on behalf of Lead Plaintiff Ohio (comprised of several of Ohio's retirement systems) as well as Lead Counsel for the class and Lead Plaintiff New Mexico (comprised of several of New Mexico's retirement systems) in the securities class actions against St. Paul Travelers Companies, Inc. in relation to the merger between The St. Paul Companies and Travelers Property Casualty Corporation.

A Labaton Sucharow team led by Mr. Dubbs successfully litigated a class action against Bristol-Myers Squibb, which resulted in a settlement of $185 million and major corporate governance reforms.

Mr. Dubbs also led the team of Labaton Sucharow attorneys that represented the Lead Plaintiff, the Florida State Board of Administrators, in the *Vesta Insurance Group* class action. To date, settlements with the Company and its auditor, KPMG, total more than $79 million, which represents more than 37% of the damages sustained by the class.

Most recently, Mr. Dubbs leads the team prosecuting the *In re HealthSouth Securities Litigation* on behalf of the New Mexico State Investment Council, the Educational Retirement Board of New Mexico, and the Michigan Pension Funds, the Court appointed Co-Lead Plaintiffs for stockholders of HealthSouth Corporation. Mr. Dubbs secured a partial settlement of $445 million from HealthSouth over the massive fraud that led to the healthcare provider's collapse and conviction of numerous former employees.

Prior to joining Labaton Sucharow, Mr. Dubbs was Senior Vice President & Senior Litigation Counsel for Kidder, Peabody & Co. where he represented the firm in many class actions, including the *First Executive* and *Orange County* litigations. Before joining Kidder, Mr. Dubbs was head of the litigation department at Hall, McNicol, Hamilton & Clark, where he was the principal partner representing Thomson McKinnon Securities Inc. in litigation matters including class actions such as the *Petro Lewis* and *Baldwin* United litigations.

He frequently lectures to institutional investors and other groups such as the Government Finance Officers Association, the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems and the Council of Institutional Investors. Most recently, he spoke at the Ohio Forum on Public Retirement.

Mr. Dubbs received a B.A. and a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin in 1969 and 1974, respectively. In 1971, he earned an M.A. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy of Tufts University. Mr. Dubbs is a member of the New York State Bar Association and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. He is admitted to practice in New York.

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Lou Gottlieb has successfully represented institutional and individual investors in numerous securities and consumer class action cases, resulting in cumulative settlements well in excess of $500 million.

Mr. Gottlieb was an integral part of the Firm's representation of the Connecticut Retirement Plans and Trust Funds in *In re Waste Management, Inc. Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a $457 million settlement, one of the largest settlements ever achieved in a securities class action. The settlement also included corporate governance enhancements, including an agreement by management to support a campaign to obtain shareholder approval of a resolution to declassify its board of directors, and a resolution to encourage and safeguard whistleblowers among the company's employees.

In *In re JDS Uniphase Corporation Securities Litigation*, Mr. Gottlieb successfully argued that draconian confidentiality agreements, which hampered the ability to conduct an investigation of the company's alleged wrongdoing, must be severely limited in scope. As a result, counsel obtained statements from more than 50 former JDS employees related to the allegations in the Second Amended Complaint, which the Court sustained.

Mr. Gottlieb has led litigation teams in the Metromedia Fiber Networks, Maxim Pharmaceuticals, and PriceSmart securities fraud class action litigations as well as a consumer breach of contract class action against New York Life Annuities. He is also helping to lead major class action cases against AIG and related defendants in *In re American International*

Group Inc. Securities Litigation, as well as against the company, its top officers and its outside auditor in *In re Mercury Interactive Corp. Securities Litigation*.

Mr. Gottlieb has made presentations on punitive damages at Federal Bar Association meetings and has often spoken on securities class actions for institutional investors.

Mr. Gottlieb graduated first in his class from St. John's School of Law in 1990. Prior to joining Labaton Sucharow, he clerked for the Hon. Leonard B. Wexler of the Eastern District of New York, and he was a litigation associate with Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom.

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Barbara J. Hart represents a broad range of clients in complex class action litigation, with a particular emphasis on securities and antitrust litigation. A member of the Firm's Executive Committee, Ms. Hart is also the founder of Labaton Sucharow's Women's Initiative, which brings professional women together to collectively advance women's influence in business.

Ms. Hart served as counsel to the Office of the Treasurer of the State of Connecticut, representing the Connecticut Retirement Plans and Trust Funds in the *In re Waste Management Securities Litigation*. That litigation, which was settled for $457 million, was the third largest securities class action settlement in history. She also represents the Office of the Treasurer of the State of Connecticut as Lead Plaintiff in the *JDS Uniphase Securities Litigation*, litigating on behalf of shareholders who lost billions when the value of JDSU shares collapsed. The trial began on October 23, 2007 and is currently underway before the Honorable Claudia Wilken in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.

Ms. Hart has recently been appointed Co-Lead Counsel in the Eastern District of New York federal court in the *In re Air Cargo Shipping Services Antitrust Litigation*. The action alleges an international cartel, between many major airlines, that is alleged to have raised prices and surcharges for air shipping services.

In August 2006, Ms. Hart secured a $285 million class action settlement against the El Paso Corporation. The case involved a securities fraud claim stemming from the Company's inflated earnings statements which cost shareholders hundreds of millions of dollars during a four year span.

Ms. Hart has represented the County of Suffolk and Local 237 and other health and welfare funds' interests in the prosecution and settlement of antitrust claims involving the drugs Paxil ($65 million settlement) and Augmentin ($29 million settlement).

She was also one of the principal litigators responsible for a $65 million settlement in the *In re Brand Name Drug Litigation* challenging two-tiered pricing conduct that caused pharmacy customers to overpay for their prescription drugs. The settlement was lauded by judges across the country for its quality lawyering. Ms. Hart also represented consumers and prescription benefit insurers (both private insurers and union funds) in litigation against DuPont regarding the monopolization and marketing of Coumadin, which was settled for $44.5 million. Currently, Ms. Hart is counsel to numerous health and welfare funds including the United Federation of Teachers and of New York State Teachers in various other cases combating the rising cost of prescription drugs.

She is the co-author of an article entitled "Antitrust Protections Expanded in New York," *New York Law Journal*, June 22, 1999. In addition, Ms. Hart is regularly called upon to lecture on cutting-edge issues in her field and has appeared before the Council of Institutional Investors, The Federalist Society, the New York Bar Association, The Institute for Law and Economic Policy, the Public Funds Forum and the Practicing Law Institute.

Ms. Hart earned a B.A. from Vanderbilt University in 1982 and an M.A. from the University of North Carolina in 1987. She graduated from Fordham University School of Law in 1992 where she was a member of the *Law Review* and on the Dean's List.

She is admitted to practice in New York and Connecticut as well as the following federal courts: the United States Supreme Court; the United States Courts of Appeals for the Second and Third Circuits; and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

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Russel N. Jacobson is a seasoned litigator with a depth of experience in securities and complex business cases.

Before returning to private practice, Mr. Jacobson served as a federal prosecutor for more than a decade. From 1997 through 2003, Mr. Jacobson served as an Assistant United States Attorney with the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey. While there, he investigated and prosecuted diverse federal criminal cases, including international money laundering offenses, frauds, and additional federal crimes.

From 1991 through 1997, Mr. Jacobson was a trial attorney with the Fraud Section of the Criminal Division at the United States Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. While at the Fraud Section, Mr. Jacobson investigated and prosecuted complex business crimes, including financial institution fraud, securities fraud, and other white-collar offenses.

During his service as a federal prosecutor, Mr. Jacobson conducted numerous trials and received many awards in recognition of the excellence of his work.

Mr. Jacobson began his legal career by serving as a law clerk to then Judge (now Justice) Anthony M. Kennedy on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Mr. Jacobson earned an A.B., *magna cum laude*, from Harvard College in 1984 and a J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Harvard Law School in 1987.

Prior to joining Labaton Sucharow, Mr. Jacobson was a partner specializing in securities litigation at another well-known plaintiffs' law firm. Earlier in his career, Mr. Jacobson was a litigation associate at a major Washington, D.C. law firm.

Mr. Jacobson is admitted to practice in New York, the District of Columbia, and Massachusetts, and before the following federal courts: the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

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James W. Johnson specializes in complex litigation, with primary emphasis on class actions involving securities fraud.

Mr. Johnson has successfully litigated a number of high profile securities and RICO class actions, including: *In re Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. Securities Litigation*, in which the Court, after approving a settlement of $185 million coupled with significant corporate governance reforms, recognized Plaintiff's counsel as "extremely skilled and efficient"; *In re HealthSouth Corp. Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a partial settlement of $445 million; *In re Vesta Insurance Group, Inc. Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a partial recovery of $78 million for the Plaintiff class; and Murphy v. Perelman, which, along with a companion federal action, *In re National Health Laboratories, Inc. Securities Litigation*, brought by Co-Counsel, resulted in a recovery of $80 million. In *County of Suffolk v. Long Island Lightning Co.*, Mr. Johnson represented the Plaintiff in a RICO class action, securing a jury verdict after a two-month trial, which resulted in a $400 million settlement. The Second Circuit, in awarding attorneys' fees to Plaintiff, quoted the trial judge, Honorable Jack B. Weinstein, as stating "counsel [has] done a superb job [and] tried this case as well as I have ever seen any case tried."

Mr. Johnson also assisted in prosecuting environmental damage claims on behalf of Native Americans resulting from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

Mr. Johnson is the co-author of "RICO: Judiciary Devises New Theories In Effort To Dismiss Civil Suits," *The National Law Journal*, Feb. 12, 1990, and "Special Trial Issues In RICO Actions," *Civil RICO 1989*, Practicing Law Institute 1989. He is a member of the American Bar Association and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, where he served on the Federal Courts Committee.

Mr. Johnson received a B.A. from Fairfield University in 1977 and a J.D. from New York University School of Law in 1980, where he was the recipient of the Ann Petluck Poses Memorial Award.

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Christopher J. Keller concentrates his practice in sophisticated securities class action litigation in federal courts throughout the country. Mr. Keller was a member of the trial team that successfully litigated the *In re Real Estate Associates Limited Partnership Litigation* in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. The six-week jury trial resulted in a landmark $184 million plaintiffs' verdict, which is one of the largest jury verdicts since the passage of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

Mr. Keller is very active in investigating and initiating securities and shareholder class actions. He also concentrates his efforts on educating institutional investors on developing trends in the law and new case theories. Mr. Keller is a regular speaker at institutional investor gatherings as well as a frequent speaker at continuing legal education seminars relating to securities class action litigation.

Mr. Keller is the co-author of an article entitled "Tellabs: PSLRA Pleading Test Comparative, Not Absolute," *New York Law Journal*, October 3, 2007.

Mr. Keller received a B.S. from Adelphi University in 1993 and a J.D. from St. John's University School of Law in 1997. He is admitted to practice in New York and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. He is a member of several professional groups, including the New York State Bar Association and the New York County Lawyers' Association.

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Christopher J. McDonald, a member of the Firm's Antitrust Practice Group, represents businesses, associations and individuals injured by anticompetitive activities. Mr. McDonald's practice also involves representing institutional investors in securities fraud cases.

Mr. McDonald was part of the team that successfully litigated *In re Bristol-Myers Squibb Securities Litigation*, in which Labaton Sucharow secured a $185 million settlement on behalf of Bristol-Myers Squibb shareholders, as well as meaningful corporate governance reforms. He has also worked on *In re Natural Gas Commodity Litigation*, a still active case that to date has generated almost $73 million in settlement funds for a class of traders who purchased, sold or settled New York Mercantile Exchange contracts.

In an ongoing case, *In re TriCor Indirect Purchaser Antitrust Litigation*, Mr. McDonald represents end-payors of the prescription drug TriCor (e.g., union health and welfare funds and consumers), who claim that the drug's manufacturer and U.S. marketer unlawfully impeded the introduction of lower-priced generic alternatives to TriCor. Other cases in which Mr. McDonald is currently involved include the *Air Cargo Shipping Services* and *Foundry Resins* antitrust cases.

A litigator for most of his career, Mr. McDonald also has in-house and regulatory experience. As a senior attorney with a telecommunications company he regularly addressed legal, economic and public policy issues before state public utility commissions.

Mr. McDonald received his undergraduate degree, *cum laude*, from Manhattan College in 1985 and a J.D. from Fordham University School of Law in 1992, where he was on the Law Review.

Mr. McDonald is admitted to practice in New York and before the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

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An accomplished litigator, Jonathan M. Plasse has devoted over 25 years of his practice to the prosecution of complex cases involving securities class action, derivative, transactional, and consumer litigation. His most recent successes include serving as Co-Lead Counsel, where a $285 million settlement was just recently announced in the securities class action, *In re El Paso Corporation Securities Litigation*, and as Lead Counsel in *In re Waste Management Inc. Securities Litigation*, where he represented the Connecticut Retirement Plans and Trusts Funds, and obtained a settlement of $457 million. He also served as Lead Counsel in *Orbital Sciences Corporation Securities Litigation*, where he represented the New York City Pension Funds and secured a $23.5 million settlement on the eve of trial.

Mr. Plasse is a member of the New York State Bar Association and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. He is admitted to practice in New York.

Mr. Plasse received a B.A. degree, *magna cum laude*, from the State University of New York in Binghamton in 1972. He received a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School in 1976, where he served as a member of the *Brooklyn Journal of International Law*.

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Hollis L. Salzman is a partner in the Firm's Antitrust Practice Group. She represents businesses and consumers in cases involving federal and state antitrust law violations. She is also involved in the Firm's securities litigation practice group where she represents institutional investors in portfolio monitoring and securities litigation. Some of Ms. Salzman's clients include MARTA and the City of Macon, Georgia.

Ms. Salzman is actively engaged in the prosecution of major antitrust class actions pending throughout the United States. She is presently Co-Lead Counsel in many antitrust cases, including: *In re Abbott Labs Norvir Antitrust Litigation, In re OxyContin Antitrust Litigation, In re Air Cargo Shipping Services Antitrust Litigation* and *Plavix Antitrust Litigation*. She is also actively involved in other pending major antitrust litigations, including *In re Funeral Antitrust Litigation, In re Pineapple Antitrust Litigation, In re New Motor Vehicles Canadian Export Antitrust Litigation* and *In re Live Rock Concert Antitrust Litigation*.

She also served as Co-Lead Counsel in several antitrust class actions which resulted in extraordinary settlements for consumers and third-party payors. *In re Buspirone Antitrust Litigation* ($90 million settlement); *In re Lorazepam & Clorazepate Antitrust Litigation* ($135.4 million on behalf of third-party payors, and $100 million on behalf of consumers in conjunction with the Federal Trade Commission and State Attorneys General actions); also *In re Maltol*

Antitrust Litigation, and *Continental Seasonings Inc. v. Pfizer, Inc., et al.*, ($18.45 million on behalf of direct purchasers of chemical food additives). Additionally, she was principally responsible for administering a $65 million settlement with certain brand-name prescription drug manufacturers where their conduct allegedly caused retail pharmacy customers to overpay for their prescription drugs.

Ms. Salzman is a Co-Chair of the New York State Bar Association, Commercial & Federal Litigation Section – Antitrust Committee and is co-author of an article entitled "The State of State Antitrust Enforcement," NYSBA NYLitigator, Winter 2003, Vol. 8, No. 1. She is also a member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York Antitrust Committee and Women's Antitrust Bar Association. Ms. Salzman also provides *pro bono* representation to indigent and working-poor women in matrimonial and family law matters.

Ms. Salzman earned a B.A. from Boston University in 1987 and a J.D. from Nova University School of Law in 1992. She is admitted to practice in New York, New Jersey and Florida as well as before the United States District Courts for the Southern and Middle Districts of Florida; the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York; and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

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Ira A. Schochet has 15 years' experience in commercial litigation, with primary emphasis on class actions involving securities fraud.

Mr. Schochet has played a leading role in litigation resulting in multimillion dollar recoveries for class members in cases against Caterpillar, Inc., Spectrum Information Technologies, Inc. and InterMune, Inc. In *Kamarasy v. Coopers & Lybrand*, a securities fraud class action, Mr. Schochet led a team that won a settlement equal to approximately 75% of the highest possible damages that class members could have recovered. The Court in that case complimented him for "the superior quality of the representation provided to the class."

Mr. Schochet represented one of the first institutional investors acting as a Lead Plaintiff in a post-Private Securities Litigation Reform Act case, *STI Classic Funds v. Bollinger, Inc.*, and obtained one of the first favorable rulings interpreting that statute's intent provision.

Most recently, Mr. Schochet negotiated a settlement on behalf of investors in the *InterMune* litigation. In approving the settlement, the Court complimented Mr. Schochet's ability to obtain a significant cash benefit for the class in a very efficient manner, saving the class from additional years of time, expense and substantial risk.

Since 1996, Mr. Schochet has acted as chairman of the Class Action Committee of the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section of the New York State Bar Association. In that capacity, he has served on the Executive Committee of the Section and was the primary author of articles and reports on a wide variety of issues relating to class action procedure. Such issues include revisions to that procedure proposed over the years by both houses of the United States Congress and the Advisory Committee on Civil Procedure of the United States Judicial Conference. Examples include "Proposed Changes in Federal Class Action Procedure, Opting Out On Opting In," and "The Interstate Class Action Jurisdiction Act of 1999." He also has lectured extensively on securities litigation at continuing legal education seminars.

Mr. Schochet earned a J.D. from Duke University School of Law in 1981 and received a B.A., *summa cum laude*, from the State University of New York at Binghamton in 1977. He is admitted to practice in New York, before the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

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Mr. Sternberg authored "Using and Protecting Against Rule 12(b) and 9(b) Motions," *The Practical Litigator*, September 1993.

Mr. Sternberg earned a B.A. from Hofstra University in 1963 and a J.D. from New York University School of Law in 1966. He is admitted to practice in New York, before the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, and before the United States Courts of Appeals for the Second and Third Circuit. He has received a rating of AV from the publishers of the Martindale-Hubble Directory.

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Martis Alex concentrates her practice on prosecuting complex securities fraud cases on behalf of institutional investors. She was a partner at Labaton Sucharow for more than 15 years, and Chair of the Firm's Mass Tort Litigation practice group. Ms. Alex has extensive experience managing complex nationwide litigation, including securities class actions as well as product liability and consumer fraud litigation. She has successfully represented investors and consumers in cases that achieved cumulative recoveries of hundreds of millions of dollars for plaintiffs. After a brief retirement, Ms. Alex rejoined Labaton Sucharow in 2006 as Of Counsel.

Ms. Alex was an integral part of the team that successfully litigated *In re Bristol Myers Squibb Securities Litigation*, where Labaton Sucharow was able to secure a $185 million settlement on behalf of investors, as well as meaningful corporate governance reforms that will affect future consumers and investors alike. She is currently litigating *In re American International Group, Inc. Securities Litigation*, a major securities class action brought by Lead Plaintiff Ohio (comprised of several of Ohio's retirement systems). Ms. Alex was Lead Trial Counsel and Chair of the Executive Committee in *Zenith Laboratories Securities Litigation*, a federal securities fraud class action which settled during trial, and achieved a significant recovery for investors. She also was Chair of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in *Napp Technologies Litigation*, where Labaton Sucharow won substantial recoveries for families and firefighters injured in a chemical plant explosion.

Ms. Alex served as Co-Lead Counsel or in a leadership role in several securities class actions that achieved substantial awards for investors, including *Cadence Design Securities Litigation*, *Halsey Drug Securities Litigation*, *Slavin v. Morgan Stanley*, *Lubliner v. Maxtor Corp.* and *Baden v. Northwestern Steel and Wire*. She also served on the Executive Committee or in other leadership roles in national product liability actions against the manufacturers of breast implants, orthopedic bone screws, and atrial pacemakers, and was a member of the Plaintiffs' Legal Committee in the national litigation against the tobacco companies.

Ms. Alex successfully tried more than 20 criminal jury trials as a former Assistant District Attorney in Sacramento, California. She is a frequent speaker at national conferences on product liability and securities fraud litigation, and is a recipient of the American College of Trial Lawyers' Award for Excellence in Advocacy.

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Jonathan Gardner focuses his practice on securities class action litigation. Mr. Gardner currently represents the Successor Liquidating Trustee of Lipper Convertibles, a convertible bond hedge fund, in an action against the Fund's former independent auditor and a member of the Fund's general partner as well as numerous former limited partners who received excess distributions. He has successfully recovered over $2 million for the Successor Liquidating Trustee to date.

Recently Mr. Gardner has worked on a number of significant cases including *In re Mercury Internactive Corp. Securities Litigation, In re Just for Feet Securities Litigation, In re St. Paul Travelers Securities Litigation*, and *In re Escala Group, Inc. Securities Litigation*.

Mr. Gardner recently litigated claims of securities fraud, common law fraud, breach of contract, defamation, and civil RICO violations against CFI Mortgage Inc. and its principals in federal court. Following a five-day jury trial, Mr. Gardner secured a verdict of over $50 million. In April 2005, he participated in the successful trial of a books and records action captioned *Forsythe, et. al. v. CIBC Private Equity Fund*.

For the past 15 years, Mr. Gardner was actively involved in litigating all aspects of commercial and business disputes from pre-dispute investigation and settlement to trials and appeals before state and federal courts, as well as arbitration and mediation forums.

Mr. Gardner earned a B.S.B.A. from American University in 1987 and a J.D. from St. John's University Law School in 1990. He is a member of the New York State Bar Association and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

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David J. Goldsmith represents institutional and individual investors in securities fraud and corporate governance litigation, and has achieved substantial recoveries for the Firm's clients and certified investor classes.

Mr. Goldsmith has played a key role in many high-profile securities litigations, including a series of cases alleging that mutual funds sold by Van Kampen, Morgan Stanley and Eaton Vance defrauded investors by overpricing senior loan interests. Mr. Goldsmith was instrumental in obtaining a decision in one of these actions, excluding before trial certain opinions of a nationally recognized economist who regularly serves as a defense expert in such cases.

Mr. Goldsmith currently represents plaintiffs in numerous securities litigations, including an action brought on behalf of the Genesee County (Mich.) Employees' Retirement System as Lead Plaintiff against Transaction Systems Architects, Inc., premised on a restatement of previously reported financial results. Recently, Mr. Goldsmith assisted in achieving a substantial settlement in a securities class action against former officers and directors of Metromedia Fiber Network, Inc.

Mr. Goldsmith also assisted in the representation of a number of state pension funds as Lead Plaintiff in the *Waste Management* securities litigation. In 2002, the Court approved a settlement of $457 million, the third-largest common fund settlement ever achieved up to that time. Mr. Goldsmith was a member of the Firm's Lead Counsel team representing several New York City pension funds in a class action against Orbital Sciences Corporation, which resulted in a $22.5 million settlement on the eve of trial. In 2001, Mr. Goldsmith obtained one of the earliest decisions finding that a class action had been improperly removed under the Securities Litigation Uniform Standards Act of 1998.

Mr. Goldsmith frequently lectures on class actions and securities litigation for continuing legal education programs and investment symposia. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and New York County Lawyers' Association.

Mr. Goldsmith earned B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Pennsylvania. He received a J.D. from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, where he was managing editor of the *Cardozo Arts & Entertainment Law Journal*. During law school, Mr. Goldsmith served as a judicial intern to the Honorable Michael B. Mukasey, United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

He is admitted to practice in New York and New Jersey and before the following federal courts: the United States Courts of Appeals for the First, Second, Fifth and Eighth Circuits; the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey; and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

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Tony Harwood is an accomplished trial lawyer focusing on class action litigation on behalf of investors and consumers who have been injured by violations of federal securities and antitrust laws. He also has significant experience in white collar criminal defense and disputes involving intellectual property.

Mr. Harwood's white collar criminal defense practice has involved several high profile investigations, including Enron's accounting fraud, market timing in the mutual fund industry and public corruption. He has represented clients in federal and state criminal matters and in securities fraud matters before the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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